

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 LAGOS 08372 081056Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-08 /019 W
-----064739 081101Z /20

P R 071622Z JUL 78
FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0000
INFO USDOC WASHDC
AMCONSUL KADUNA

UNCLAS LAGOS 08372

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BENC, NI
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: LAGOS/KANO AIRCRAFT HANGER AND MAINTENANCE
BASE

REF: (A) STATE 167168: (B) LAGOS 7004

1. BEN BERRY, ITAC PRESIDENT CALLED AT AMERICAN EMBASSY,

LAGOS SEVERAL TIMES DURING WEEK OF JUNE 19. PRINCIPAL
DISCOVERY DURING HIS VISIT WAS THAT PROJECT MUST BE
REVIEWED AT SEVERAL LEVELS AND THAT IT IS NOW UNDERGOING A
TECHNICAL REVIEW. IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR BERRY,
EMBASSY DISCOVERED THAT LAGOS AIRCRAFT HANGER COMPLEX MUST
PASS THROUGH THREE COMMITTEES IN NIGERIA AIRWAYS: MUST THEN
BE APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION: THEN IT MUST
BE APPROVED BY THE EXTERNAL LOANS OFFICER AT THE MINISTRY
OF FINANCE BEFORE BEING FORWARDED TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE, AND THEN ON TO THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

2. ITAC AND OTHER CONTENDERS FOR THE PROJECT MUST STILL
OVERCOME THE FIRST BARRIER, WHICH IS THE HANGER SELECTION
COMMITTEE AT NIGERIA AIRWAYS. APPOINTMENTS AT THIS LEVEL
WERE ARRANGED BY ITAC NIGERIAN AGENT. EMBASSY CONCENTRATED
ON HIGHER LEVEL OFFICIALS. WE ARRANGED MEETING WITH
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 LAGOS 08372 081056Z

EXTERNAL LOANS OFFICER AND MADE SMALL DEMARCHE ON BEHALF
OF ITAC TO SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE AND
TO CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS
DECLINED TO MEET WITH ITAC REPRESENTATIVE UNTIL NIGERIA
AIRWAYS MAKES ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. LATER, AN ACCIDENTAL
MEETING ALLOWED BERRY TO BRIEF COMMISSIONER OF CIVIL AVIA-
TION OSISIOGU. AN IMPORTANT FACT THAT CAME OUT OF THESE

MEETINGS WAS THAT ITAC EXTIMATED COST OF PROJECT IS FAR UNDER BID FORECAST IN PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY DONE BY EXPATRIATE FBSV.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH FMG ECONOMIC OFFICIALS, VISIT AID OFFICER T. MOSER, RECEIVED FURTHER CONFIRMATION THAT THE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE BASE IS NOT REPEAT NOT A POTENTIAL REIMBURSABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. NEVERTHELESS, EMBASSY WILL REMAIN ALERT TO POSSIBILITY OF INSERTING FAA TEAM INTO CIVIL AVIATION OVERSIGHT GROUP, WHICH MAY EVOLVE.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY FEELS THAT VISIT BY HIGH RANKING U.S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, THOUGH VALUABLE, WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME. SUCH A VISIT WOULD PROBABLY CENTER AROUND INFORMATIONAL MEETING WITH HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS OF FMG. HOWEVER, IMMEDIATE PROBLEM FOR ITAC IS TO CONVINCE ENGINEERING AND TECHNICALS OF NIGERIA AIRWAYS THAT IT SHOULD BE SHORT-LISTED IN BIDDING PROCESS. EMBASSY ADVISES U.S. COMMERCE OFFICIALS TO WAIT UNTIL ITAC'S NAME HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO BOARD OF NIGERIA AIRWAYS. EASUM

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978LAGOS08372
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780280-0778
Format: TEL
From: LAGOS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780786/aaaacuvh.tel
Line Count: 84
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 3760e779-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 167168, 78 LAGOS 7004
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2089705
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MAJOR PROJECT: LAGOS/KANO AIRCRAFT HANGER AND MAINTENANCE BASE
TAGS: BENC, NI
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/3760e779-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014